# *Executive Proclamation*
# *State of South Dakota*
# *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Ruth Evald was born on April 6, 1913, in Ipswich, South Dakota, and shared her family life with one brother; and,

***Whereas***, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

***Whereas***, Ruth graduated from Ipswich High School in 1931, and earned her associate teaching degree in 1937 from Northern Normal and Industrial School, which allowed her to teach and function as principal in the Watertown elementary school system until 1946; and,

***Whereas***, Ruth married Ed Mundell in 1946, and they spent their 51 years of married life in the bulk oil business in South Dakota and Wyoming; and,

***Whereas***, Ruth and Ed spent their summers enjoying their log home at Cheyenne Crossing in Spearfish Canyon; and,

***Whereas***, Ruth has been a faithful member of Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution, P.E.O. Chapter CE, and has entertained many with her superb pianist abilities; and,

***Whereas***, Ruth lives in Watertown with her two canine companions and will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State